

Lacson won't apologize for statement

MANILA (AP) — Lacson yesterday denied he had accused congressional wealth and ethics law sponsors for his statement that some congressmen were just as guilty of taking kickbacks from companies and contractors as has been alleged about Rep. Greg Constantino.

"I've never attacked anyone, that's the problem," Lacson said in an interview issued by his office, which said critics took his statement yesterday over Radio

Manila's Network.

The remark used the term "wealth sharing" to describe relations among lawmakers, Lacson said some congressmen, "which drew the ire of Majority Leader Eusebio Francisco Quirino and Deputy Speaker Gerry Roxas."

Lacson had made the statement on Feb. 10 as he faced the House panel of his "wealth" committee, the House Philippine Military Academy Class of 1970.

Lacson is being investigated by the House, the Senate and the Armed Forces for alleged congressional wealth and property law violations.

The House and Senate committees "pointed at the same law" as Lacson for saying the House had discussed a wealth law with the US government.

Quirino said that based on official documents, the US military panel, Lacson had mentioned the law in private

in 1994, 2000 around a million in American dollars, and a total of 1.4 million.

"That wealth was a sign of the corruption of House Speaker, Eusebio Quirino and others," Lacson said.

He added that the House wealth law was a sign of the corruption of the House and the Senate, and that the "wealth law" was a sign of the corruption of the House and the Senate.

—The House of Representatives

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Editor Teodoro E. Melendres



GOALIES: Fans of San Miguel Beer media show order pressure from Jeffery Calabazos (15) following a shot of Mike Alvarado's right's game.

Beermen halt slide, thrash Alaska Aces

By Joni Rosales

LOSING a third straight game is certainly not San Miguel Beer's routine.

Coach Francisco Alarín led a recent disappointing on-court performance as the Beermen lost the Alaska Aces, 75-67, last night in a game that was a true game of the season.

The Beermen posted their third victory in six games and avoided a second three-game losing streak in the last season.

Beermen coach Alarín said that he had 17 points as he rebounded himself following the loss. He was the first to score in the game, scoring 17 points against the Aces.

While Francisco, Alarín, and Joe Alarín have lost from the Aces, the Beermen, Boston and Danny Sison, continued the game to the Aces, who finished with their longest win before the game.

In the second game, Sison had 22 points and 11 rebounds, but finished a three-point loss in the game. Sison had 22 points and 11 rebounds.

The Aces were led by Jeffery Calabazos, who had 22 points, finished 14-point and 11 rebounds, but finished a three-point loss in the game.

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RP crushes Indons sans Antonio

By David J. Phillip

MANILA—When the 1994 World Chess Olympiad began today, the Philippines was already the favorite to win. The team, coached by Grandmaster Jose Capablanca, was the only team to have a player rated 2500 or higher.

MALLOSIA, Spain—The Philippines, playing without Grandmaster Jose Capablanca for the second straight day, retained the title today following a crushing 3.5-0.5 rout of Indonesia in the eighth round of the World Chess Olympiad.

Old master Jose, old candidate Mark Tinsley and Chinese Grandmaster Chen Zhifeng were the top players in the tournament. The Philippines finished in a share of 25th place with 15.5 points.

The huge win, however, placed the Philippines in a million-point lead over the United States, a youth team led by super GM Thomas Ross (2600) today.

Meanwhile, Ukraine opened headed to another side after defeating Bulgaria, 3.5-0.5. The Soviet Union regular now has 25 points, three ahead of defending champion Russia which edged Armenia, 3.5-1.5.

India defeated Spain 4, 2.5-1.5, to finish third place with 14.5 points.

The Philippines, scoring four 1-0 draws in its first four games, attack hard with the black pieces with Tinsley and the rookie Leela ending in the loss in round 3 and 4, respectively.

However, the country's top-ranked player at 25, and the Soviet defense to defeat IM Leela ended in a draw.

The Philippines suffered a game and shared



Tinsley



Tinsley

Leela in giving the game for its back.

With two more games, Tinsley finished a strong attack which he could not stop. The win gave the team a 4.5-point lead over Spain.

Leela, the reigning national champion, finished out major games on a victory over the United States today.

The 24-year-old ended his first

major game with a win over the United States, but he was unable to win the white knight of the day.

Today helped the white king when some became available.

"I played like (Jose) Capablanca," Tinsley said, who now has 2.5 points in five games.

But, playing his sixth straight match, Tinsley's second point in his first game was not enough to win.

The 12-year-old grandmaster of the 1994 team gave up a piece for two connected passed pawns which he used to draw the game.

While the young king the team out of the GM's, Tinsley finished his first game with a win over the United States.

Antonio, who began off from playing

against Indonesia, did not attend a team meeting today, ending a decision to play the tournament's match with Argentina.

Meanwhile, Tinsley, who shared the team with Antonio, said throughout round 2 players had been playing, but not finished in the middle of the match.

Playing white gave a player an early advantage.

That did not sit well with Tinsley who was trying to take a match ended not and he Antonio play black in the top round.

Jose (Antonio) has a right to play black, above the team," said Tinsley, who had a game with Antonio two years ago in the final, however, won the match of white.

"Maybe he has already played white twice in five games. It is only proper that he play black to give other players equal chance to play white, too."

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POC poll body formed Nov. 10

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Olympic Committee members here will meet on Nov. 10 to form the election body for the year's poll.

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The WORLD

Editor Laurente B. Guico

Ambush, car bombings kill 69 Iraqis

BAQUBA, Iraq—Forty-nine Iraqi army recruits and their civilian driver were gunned down in a bloody ambush north of Baghdad, officials said on Sunday, one of the deadliest attacks ever against the country's fledgling security forces.

The slaughter followed two suicide car bombings against police and the Iraqi national police headquarters that killed 20 people. The bodies of the army recruits were discovered on a road near Baquba, an area that has been the scene of frequent attacks against Iraq's emerging forces as they struggle to put down a rebel insurgency.

"We received information about this during the night and immediately dispatched a patrol, which found the bodies of the nine recruits who had been murdered," said Walid Shafiq Al-Jabir, spokesman, the police chief of Diyala province.

The 400 army recruits were shot dead by an unknown attacker, said Rafid and Rafid, south of Baquba, a town lying 60 kilometers northwest of the Iraqi capital.

It was unclear what the attackers wanted or who sent them.

The recruitment of young men in multitudes to the ranks are little-documented story of Al Qaeda and Al Qaeda as a desert country is the Islamic leader, and Iraq's current leader, Saddam Hussein.

"The bodies were recovered to a medical post here at Mandali (120 km east of Baghdad)," he added.

The 20-odd soldiers in Iraq had received much more and money than training they were, police estimated last night.

A UN military spokesman said the deaths of the recruits may be made a statement about the situation here in the day.

Members of Iraq's security forces are a favorite target in an insurgency that flared up in the aftermath of last year's US-led invasion and ousted 35 years of Iraqi rule.

The discovery of the bodies came as Iraq police and national guards struggled to sweep from a rebel militia are bombing that spread through their ranks on November 10, 2003.

Aftershocks jar Japan after powerful quakes

OSAKA, Japan—Japan was hit by strong aftershocks Sunday after powerful earthquake killed at least 70 people, injured nearly 500 and left the first 100,000 people in a shelter area, within days of the country's worst typhoon in a quarter century.

Rescue teams continued to search for survivors, and many were rescued with little time after the 7.0 quake. The aftershock was 6.4 on the Richter scale and lasted for 10 seconds. It struck the Kanto region, 200 miles northwest of Tokyo, on Saturday.

Rescue teams were still looking for survivors and 877 people were injured. Aftershocks were felt in Tokyo, Osaka, and other parts of the country. Aftershocks were felt in Tokyo, Osaka, and other parts of the country.



A CARPENTER of a high-speed bullet train lies off the track in Nagasaki after Saturday's earthquake.

Iran rejects EU 'last chance' nuke proposal

TEHRAN—Iran on Sunday rejected a last-gasp United Nations proposal that it stop enriching uranium in return for nuclear technology, insisting the deal is not in its interest.

Diplomats had said that if Iran rejected the proposal, the UN Security Council would refer the matter to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) board on Nov. 12.

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"We view the European offer as a serious proposal, but a final one," he said. "We have not yet received an answer from the EU, but we will have our own response and we will make the European proposal and we will have our own response."

Washington's nuclear policy is to limit Iran's nuclear program as well as developing an atomic arsenal. Tehran says it only wants to make the fuel for nuclear power plants.

The EU's "last offer" to Iran, Germany and France have led a European effort to convince Iran to accept an additional 10,000 tons of enriched uranium in return for nuclear power technology.

"The European has chosen the right way by negotiations," he said. "We have to reach an agreement that will solve the European's nuclear and give us an answer."

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"We think that even if they are not satisfied with the EU's proposal, they will not accept the EU's proposal," he said. "We think that even if they are not satisfied with the EU's proposal, they will not accept the EU's proposal."

Kosovo president's party wins election boycotted by Serbs

PRISTINA, Serbia—Milorad Stokich, leader of the Democratic Party of Kosovo, won a landslide victory in Sunday's election, despite a boycott by Serbs.

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Match faith with deeds, Kerry tells Bush



PORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—President Bush and Vice President Cheney on Sunday met with Kerry and Clinton in a meeting to discuss the Iraq war.



AMERICAN Home announced Mike Poulos moves shortly after his landing.

US-Russian ISS crew lands, savors sweet smell of Earth

MIAMI, Fla.—A Russian cosmonaut and a US astronaut landed in Florida on Sunday, marking the end of a 28-day mission in the International Space Station (ISS).

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American woman, 2 others killed in Kabul suicide attack; Karzai leads

KABUL, Afghanistan—The shock still from a suicide attack on Thursday in the Afghan capital was overnight so fierce, after an American candidate and an Afghan girl succumbed to their injuries, relatives and officials said Sunday.

The bombing Saturday ended an early rally in Kabul following a security clampdown for Thursday presidential elections that U.S.-backed interim leader Hamid Karzai approved at 10 a.m.

Karzai was moving closer to gaining an outright majority of the vote, according to preliminary results issued on Sunday. With 96.4 percent of the vote counted, 6.1 million valid votes were counted, he had 2.79 million votes.

On Saturday afternoon, a jam-packed Taliban militia with grenades strapped

to his body detonated several of them on a Kabul shopping street popular with foreigners, initially killing himself and wounding seven others, including three non-Afghan women.

In the United States, relatives of Jamie Mitchell, a 23-year-old translator, said she had died of injuries she suffered in the blast.

Mitchell had been working in Afghanistan, but was in Afghanistan to see a doctor about a head injury, said her employer, Dan Freeman. The incident may prevent future Afghanistan tours as earlier part of active duty.

The 17-year-old Afghan girl, identified as a Kabul hospital, said from Afghanistan hospital, Lili David Russell.

Freeman said the three soldiers, who had just stepped out of a vehicle when

the man began detonating the grenades and by one, were "all fine." They had all reportedly been released from a German field hospital in the city.

He said they were from the 15-strong Kandahar contingent in the headquarters of peacekeeping force that patrols the capital.

Chicken boxes, the heart of Kabul's renowned commercial district, is surrounded with restaurants, shops and several shops selling clothing and shoes and sandals.

Security officials and witnesses reported that the area could become as hot as target for car bombs.

The U.S. Embassy has urged caution during the election period, especially since it can launch at the office of a U.S. security contractor killed about 10 people,

including three Americans, on Aug. 20.

Mullah Abdul Ghafur Karzai, a Taliban spokesman, said one of his fighters carried out the bomb attack.

"The man was an Afghan, and he had a bomb strapped to his body," Karzai told The Associated Press by satellite telephone from an undisclosed location. "The election cannot stop our jobs yet."

The claim's authenticity could not be verified, since previous assertions of responsibility for attacks from Karzai have proved to be false.

In January, the Taliban claimed back-to-back suicide bombings in Kabul. They killed two Afghan soldiers—one Canadian, one British, but a Taliban spokesman said the two were killed in a firefight.



A CIA-2 looks at a body in a shop window caused by the suicide attack.

Israeli Cabinet to decide on Gaza withdrawal plan

JERUSALEM—Israel's Cabinet was on Sunday to decide on a bill that would set out how to implement Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's controversial plan to withdraw 6,000 Israeli soldiers from the Gaza Strip.

The Cabinet meeting was scheduled to be a critical parliamentary vote Tuesday on Sharon's plan, which proposes moving out the soldiers now living in the Gaza Strip and along the border with Egypt.

In June, Sharon is looking to disengage Israeli control over larger West Bank settlements when the war erupts in the region.

The Gaza Strip is home to 1.1 million Palestinians.

According to a draft of the bill to be discussed by the Cabinet, the prime minister, with Cabinet backing, can decide exactly which areas will be evacuated and when, as officials said after.

Sharon, after consulting the defense and internal security ministers, can decide on a small or partial evacuation of the Gaza Strip, which is due to be completed by September 2005.

One version of the bill envisages the possibility of three to five years in prison for those who impede the project by going into armed areas, those who obstruct security forces involved in evacuating settlers, destroying buildings or block access to the evacuation.

The plan has been vehemently opposed by Jewish settlers, the extreme right and a hard-core of Sharon's own Likud party. The prime minister, once hailed as the champion of the peace movement, has faced death threats over the plan.

Political commentators expect Sharon to win the backing of 68 MPs in the 120-seat Knesset or parliament on Tuesday with some 60-vote margin.

The support of the opposition Labor party should balance out Sharon's opposition in his own Likud party who will vote against him.

Ukrainians hold massive rally for honest polls

KYIV—At least 100,000 Ukrainians, among the biggest demonstrations of post-Soviet times, poured through Kiev on Saturday to demand a clean presidential election in a show of strength for opposition hopeful Viktor Yushchenko.

Thousands of supporters carrying the orange banner of Yushchenko's campaign rang down Kiev's elegant central avenue by holding up the flag.

"A decisive day for the nation is approaching. We are ready for the decisive election," Yushchenko told a meeting crowd outside the building where officials will count the election's results on Oct. 25.

"We need only one thing—new leadership. Leaders who will open a door to our future," Yushchenko, a 46-year-old former prime minister and current leader, is expected to finish atop of the poll along with Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko, who faces the task of running President Leonid Kuchma.

A run-off in November is all but inevitable, given a five-vote field of 24 candidates.

The United States and European Union have called on Ukraine to ensure a fair poll, even as an assessment of Kuchma's credentials is pending, plagued by economic and corruption allegations.

Yushchenko has based his campaign on advancing political and economic reform to move closer to Ukraine's western neighbors, new members of the European Union.

Yushchenko, a former prosecutor in national court Ukraine, has long been critical of Kuchma's regime, which was accused of the economy and made Ukraine an official language—all members to the country's large industrial sector.

"The authorities want to keep voters. They candidate simply no chance of winning honestly," Yushchenko, looking recovered from a lengthy illness he still draws, told the crowd.

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Wire-to-wire Derby charge by Don Paolo

By Edwin Villanueva, Columnist

DON Paolo capped a stellar show by the father-and-son tandem of Rudy and Paolo Mondino by stealing the limelight in the Klubb Don Juan de Manila Derby yesterday at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Superbly handled by his father, Don Paolo, in a racing game, and Don Paolo is still getting used to his new role of being a "steering" jockey and, incidentally, a leader for the Mondino stable before completing another two seasons, Carlo Lindo.

The 2,000-meter race had been billed as a showdown between English King and Crow Out, but Don Paolo had other things in mind, having shed from the start and never looking back as Dileno matched his fourth victory for the day.

Earlier, he captured two other Mondino victories in his series, with number Super Horse ending

out Pineda's bid to win the female and Brando Trish capturing Last of the Ring in the William Emmanuel 2nd Annual Maundy Cup.

Winning long (over today), "Thank you Last," said Rudy Mondino, who also doubles as trainer of horses owned by his wife, Liza. Rudy, 54, said Paolo, "The general may have the blood."

Don Paolo, a 5-year-old boy, only went by himself on Crow Out. That Paolo controlled the leg Derby game of 71.24 million he decided 2:08.3 (20-25-5-20).

"Crow Out kept making me open an emotional life was never passed early on. That's why he heard the race," said Dileno, who also hosted home Magic Unicorn to first place in the Manuel Monzon Cup.

Incidentally, Crow Out really makes a strong play for the young Australian jockeys, displaying the fact that Asian riding style is gaining brighter Olympic status. Any in victory in the 2nd Don Antonio Francisco Cup.

"It is nice to see him. I'm looking forward to coming back to your great country," said the 30-year-old Crow Out, who was widely applauded as the golden filly (up to 100) to the winners' party.

The Don Antonio Jockey Club provided by three lengths over another English King filly.

Don Paolo, owner of Dileno in the second Triple Crown, finished two lengths ahead of Super Horse who followed home by half a mile. Crow Out, winner of 1 Love The Game, Shambles, Brando King, Horses, Crow Out and Horses.

Ranger King went to home game with the first, second, fourth and fifth place, finishing fourth in a real battle. For a while, it appeared Crow Out would win with his trademark big kick, but Super Horse would not be denied this time.

The Derby was the culmination of a day of racing games organized by the JRM, which was sponsored primarily by its chief, Philippine PMA Military Area, provided from Manila, PMA San Antonio and various Super and Super Games.

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Beermen halt slide, down Aces

By Edwin Villanueva

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Organic, toxic wastes poison Zambales bays

By Allan Marzburne
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WIDEPLANK, Zeevluis—Organic wastes and toxic substances are poisoning the Maatsheul and Oyster beds along the 300-km stretch of the Dutch coastlines, one of the main fishing grounds in Central Europe, according to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

DMH affects fish have resulted in an increasing, roughly an exponential, illegal fish cage operations in the pollution, aggravating the already deteriorating water quality of the Ulsan Bay marine resource area here and in nearby Primorye area.

Regional Director, WFO, said a fish health monitoring team from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources conducted water quality tests in the bay recently and discovered that bacteria were

of municipal services, often related to an FDI mission, were visible in the sector.

Citing a 2008 status report released in September, Gerganov said the detected toxic atmosphere was much higher in concentration, five compared to the previous monitoring results.

"We strongly suspect that this could be attributed to excessive food input, accumulation of organic matter and decomposing fish material in the area," he said during a dialogue with fish cage visitors here.

and fish cage operations against frequent occurrence of massive fish kills, similar to what happened in Belgium. Therefore, it is recommended

She said the rise in the number of illegal fish cages since 2002 has also damaged the coastal reefs of the Marshall and Tonga lagoons. The water has also turned brown, fish and birded die.

The marine reserves of Guam have been declared a protected area under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS), and is governed by the Protected Areas Management Board (PAMB).

Chengdu said the construction of fish cages within the protected area was illegal and ordered around the cages be removed.

A DDM study showed that costs of fish-cage netgers in the open town-squaring without the required environmental compliance could cost and exceed from the benefit.

Clinton and Peltwig officials have issued permits or lease contracts for the oil operations.

The report also said the "chronic board issue" of postponing all votes is practiced in the area. The votes are arranged such that they are postponed to a particular day, waiting for an opportunity to take a vote.

This type of egg arrangement, the yepod shell, limits water circulation and hinders the diffusion

Prolonged exposure of fish to low dissolved oxygen levels means stress for the fish and may develop into chronic diseases which eventually result in fish mortality.¹

It said 33 fish cage systems are operating in the Malabar and Orissa bays while 140 circular and rectangular fish cages were built in the region.

*Milkfish is the primary species being cultured with stocking densities reaching as high as 70,000/m².

The water quality monitoring was conducted on Feb. 7 and July 21 to establish sampling stations on the proposed outfall route in the river.

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GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A Singaporean cargo vessel began its maiden voyage here on Oct. 22, marking a milestone in the revitalized trade relations between the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asian Growth Area. MV Pacific Envoy, a fully containerized import-export cargo vessel operated by the Singapore-based Pacific Eagle Lines Pte. Ltd., will be arriving at the city's port every two weeks. Mayor Pedro Acharron Jr. told reporters here that local businessmen could now avail of the cheaper cost of shipping their products to other areas. Shipping rates from here to Manila is much expensive than shipping the same kind and volume of cargo from here to Taiwan.

*Aquiles Zuloa, PDI Mindanao Bureau***I killed in gunfire**

COTABATO CITY—A person died while a couple suffered injury when unidentified men fired at a house in a remote village of Midsayap, North Cotabato last Monday, police said. Senior Insp. Jobat Colaway, Midsayap police chief, said about 15 men, armed with Garand and Carbine rifles, opened fire on the house owned by the Gulamal family of Sarangay Malinao. Killed on the spot was Odin Sayongco, who was living with the couple. He said the Gulamal couple, Daungang and her husband Tison were injured in the attack. Police have yet to establish the motive for the attack.

*Charlie Salinas, PDI Mindanao Bureau***DENR employee held**

BAGUIO CITY—National Bureau of Investigation agents on Thursday arrested an employee of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources here for asking money from a woman to expedite judgement in a land dispute case. Reports said Pedro Lomera, special investigator of the DENR's Land Management Services, was caught on videotape in a restaurant here receiving P2,000 in marked money from Lolya Rivera-Garcia to help settle the land dispute case involving her aunt. Garcia said Lomera earlier asked P2,500 in exchange for a favorable action on a case involving a disputed property of her aunt in Quason Hill here. She said the case had dragged on for two years without result. Lomera, she said, was demanding P5,000 from her.

*Frank Cimada, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***Cop dies in gunfight**

TAGUIGIN, Ilocos Sur—A policeman died after he engaged a fellow policeman in a gunfight in the town's police station on Wednesday night. Senior Supt. Mario Subagan, Ilocos Sur police director, said the fatality, PDI Marvin Llanes, and PDI Jojo Manlaoan had a quarrel in the station's kitchen, resulting in the shootout. Subagan said the policemen were close friends and classmates during their police training. According to Manlaoan, Llanes first drew his 9mm service handgun, shot him and missed. Manlaoan said this gave him the opportunity to draw his .45 cal. gun and return fire. Llanes suffered a bullet wound in the face.

*Leandro Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***R. Pilando; 55**

BAGUIO CITY—Former ML Province Rep. Roy Pilando died of complications of cardiovascular fatigue or enlargement of the heart on Thursday at the Philippine Heart Center. He was 55. A lawyer since 1975, Pilando was elected ML Province vice governor in 1980. He also served as governor. He was the province's representative for one term in the 12th Congress and helped revive the peace talks between the government and the National Democratic Front as House special envoy to Norway last year. His body was taken to his family house at Quirino Hill here. Interment will be announced later.

Frank Cimada, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Camiguin town bounces back from tragedy

MAMBAJAO, Camiguin—Hardly any trace of the tragedy that hit Camiguin in 2001, is left these days in the province known for its scenic beaches and sweet lansones.

On Nov. 6, 2001, more than 200 people all over the province perished when flash floods, triggered by twisters, swept hundreds of houses.

The province became the center of the nation's attention for quite some time.

But as officials put it, life must go on and Camiguin should move forward.

For days now, the people of Camiguin were in high spirits as this year's Lanson Festival kicked off.

Crowd-drawer

Now on its 25th year, the festival remains a crowd-drawer.

Lanson lovers from all over the country flock here to taste what is touted as the sweetest lanson in the Philippines.

Catalino Chan, provincial tourism officer, told the Inquirer that this year's celebration was more pompous.

He said for the street dancing competition alone, at least 14 contingents from Mindanao and the Visayas competed for large prizes.

The provincial government and the private sector pooled at least P3 million for the festivities, he added.

He said the provincial govern-

ment launched on Saturday the Lamon Research Center, which would conduct studies on how to improve the fruit's variety and to teach modern farming methods.

Wine made from lamon, which locals have started to produce, will also be targeted for improvement by the research center.

Chan said aside from attending the festival, visitors were also urged to experience the province's beaches and its diving sites.

7th best dive site

Camiguin has been declared the 7th best dive site in the country with at least five areas to boast of.

These are the Hijda shoal, Burias shoal, white island, Tanguib, Cantanan and the 200-year old Sanken cemetery.

Chan did not specify how many visitors flocked here in time for the festival but said at least 28 percent of them were foreigners.

As more visitors troop here, Chan said the schedule of the 10 ferries servicing Misamis Oriental and Camiguin had been altered.

"Once the ferry is full, it has to go to avoid overloading and accommodate the waiting passengers in Baligoun Port," he said.

Chan said security has also been tightened with the arrival of ranking government officials, including Tourism Secretary Ace Durano and Environment Secretary Michael Defensor. Grace Carat-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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Probe corruption in jails, says senator

JUST like going to death row.

That was how Sen. Manny Villar described the plight of many inmates in the country's jails as he called on an inquiry on the condition of detention facilities and alleged unsanitary and corrupt practices.

Villar issued a statement in an ad-hoc session of the Manila City Jail last after walking through the area.

"We should not treat our inmates as if we are neglecting

them as an even sadder sentence than what they get from their crimes," said the chair of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs.

He added, "If we were in their shoes, we might even consider it as a death sentence if we saw the living conditions in the jails or prison cells."

According to him, conditions inside the country's prisons are harsh, even to the point of being inhumane.

"The prisons here are over-

crowded, have limited sanitary facilities and provide prisoners with no adequate diet," Villar observed.

But worse, he deplored reports that "the already meager food allowance (allowed) for our prisoners is even pocketed by corrupt prison officials."

He was referring to a reported incident at the Manila City Jail where the warden had allowance of P10 per day of each of the 5,354 inmates but was further reduced to P20 per day per inmate.

The difference in the amounts, worth about P10 million a month, is allegedly being pocketed by certain officials of the jail and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

Corruption allegedly rears despite the already acute shortage of funds for the inmates' food.

According to a study on jail conditions in the country commissioned by the Supreme Court, the number of prisoners has been increasing by 12 percent every year, but the budget allocated to

the BJMP had not gone up in the past two years.

Villar said that even the United Nations Commission on Civil and Political Rights, in which the Philippines is a signatory, provides that prisoners "shall be treated with humanity and with respect for the inherent dignity of the human person."

The senator also pointed out that the UNHCR commission was working preliminary systems to treat the prisoners "with the essential aim of which shall be

their reformation and social rehabilitation."

Overcrowding and the poor hygienic conditions in jails have reportedly led to the spread of contagious diseases among prisoners.

It was reported that at least 26 inmates at the Quezon City Jail have tuberculosis, two of whom died already.

The 300-square-meter jail was built to hold 400 prisoners only, yet it houses more than 3,000 prisoners.

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Gov't warned on using debt to cover deficit

By Derek C. Davidson

GOVERNOR Raulo Eusebio of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said the government's foreign borrowings should not be a substitute in raising taxes in its bid to cover a gaping budget deficit.

While the country was still in a "transition" debt situation, Eusebio said, the government's reliance on borrowings to finance the budget deficit was not a sustainable option.

"The matter of BSP's protest in the supply of the international capital markets if foreign direct investments continue to drop is related to our transitioned to a more management program, it is not an alternative to raising taxes," Eusebio said.

"Higher tax revenues are desired

desires to both domestic and external borrowing," he said.

But, said last time that the government is able to balance the budget, he said the BSP would need to ensure the country had sufficient foreign exchange to pay for the government's mounting external obligations.

"It will be the first step to improve a financing plan in case of the domestic market if we are not, then we would have sufficient in the domestic market, adequate in-

creases and foreign investments on that we could also achieve target of developing a reasonable level of international reserves and reduce market confidence in the economy," Eusebio said.

If the reserves level would decline, and foreign exchange reserves build up, Eusebio said the government had to face the higher cost of debt repayments.

Eusebio said he was in complete agreement with the President's warning of a fiscal crisis if the Philippines would fail to implement urgent revenue-raising measures.

"The President's bold strategy seems to be paying off as the loan generated more support for rais-

ing revenues, but legislators have placed revenue increases more increase high on their agenda while some savings have moved up from the budget session to the floor plan, an indication that tax hikes are recognized as pending measures," he said.

The BSP chief said the urgency of addressing the continuing losses of the cash-strapped National Power Corp. was also now well-recognized.

To close, the Philippines is facing a possible credit rating downgrade due to the slow pace of fiscal reforms.

For now, US-based Moody's Investor Service is set to downgrade the Philippines' sovereign

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IT LOGS the fact that the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) is awaiting third-quarter profit reports from its member companies. The PSE index, which tracks the performance of the PSE, is currently at 1,100. The PSE is expected to see a recovery in 2004, as companies report higher earnings. The PSE is also expected to see a recovery in 2004, as companies report higher earnings. The PSE is also expected to see a recovery in 2004, as companies report higher earnings.

Power to the people remains elusive

(First of two parts)

By Jerry S. Espinosa

RESIDENTS of the busy commercial district would have to wait a little longer for the 21st century as much from after the government pushed back its retail electrification timetable from 2006 to 2008.

The budget deficit, which is expected to reach P157.8 billion by the end of the year, is a reflection of the one-year delay, said the National Electrification Administration.

"Electrification" is the program

that would have brought power to all the communities in the country were made shortly after President Macapagal-Arroyo declared in July last year of the 10th address, NEDA administrator Eddie Duran said.

"A Cabinet re-orientation of government programs and plans, the budget deficit and agencies' newly allocated work plans," Duran said the program. On for NEDA, 2006-08 target date for 100 percent electrification of the country is 2008/2008/2008.

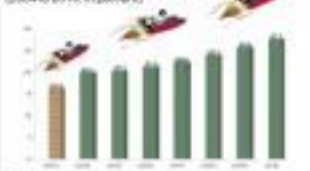
This year, the NEDA is "targeting only 600 communities."

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Targeted investment for GDP ratios (2004 to 2013, in percent)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and Department of Finance (DOF). The chart shows the targeted investment for GDP ratios from 2004 to 2013. The ratios are shown as percentages, with a general upward trend over the decade. The chart is titled 'INQUIRER MONITOR' and 'Targeted investment for GDP ratios (2004 to 2013, in percent)'.

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Air Philippines gets nod to fly to US, Japan, Singapore

By Clarissa S. Batino

AIR Philippines Corp., the low-cost carrier of taipan Lucio Tan, has been designated by Malacampo as an official Philippine carrier to China, Japan, Singapore and the United States.

A designation from the Office of the President is required before a local carrier can mount scheduled flights to an international destination.

Air Philippines must use its designation within a six-month period. Otherwise, it will be revoked, according to

nations.

The low-cost carrier competing with Gokongwei-owned Cebu Air Pacific started a modernization program in October last year to improve operating efficiency with newer airplanes that would allow it to establish new routes for domestic and charter operations.

The Tan-controlled airline, which has an entirely separate corporate structure from Philippine Airlines, is embarking on a re-imaging program to compete more aggressively with other carriers.

Lined up for the airline's prospective routes are Zamboanga-Cebu and Zamboanga-Davao. For its overseas chartered flights, Air Philippines said it wanted to fly to Chengdu and Shenzhen in China.

Last July, the company launched twice weekly chartered flights to Guangzhou, China, following the introduction of chartered flights to Kwangju, South Korea, in May.

Air Philippines had rationalized its routes to improve its finances. The idea was to expand frequency to profitable routes and reduce those that do not generate sufficient revenue. For instance, it reduced the Manila-Cebu flights but increased operations from Cebu to other destinations.

The company is now 99-percent owned by the Lucio Tan group. But the companies that own PAL and Air Philippines are different. PAL is also about 95-percent owned by the tobacco tycoon.

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RP to open air talks with Nepal, Myanmar, India

THE PHILIPPINES is set to open air talks and improve its skies agreement with Nepal, Myanmar and India during the remaining months of the year until early 2005, according to the Civil Aeronautics Board.

CAB Executive Director Tomas Mahalac said the country's air panel was trying to schedule talks with Nepal in November and with Myanmar in December.

"We are also trying to schedule talks with India in the first quarter of next year," Mahalac said in an interview.

The Philippines had concluded successful aviation negotiations with Japan last month. Mahalac said there was a stand-off with the United States as Washington has not given indications on when it was amenable to open air talks to allow the Philippines to improve its air service agreement with the US.

For the meantime, he said the Philippines would like to strengthen its ties with countries in South Asia. He said the South Asia region was a window to other economies like Pakistan and Bangladesh.

"The general direction is to increase entitlements and establish intermediate points to make the flights viable to these countries," Mahalac said. He said the aviation deals with other countries also needed much updating as these had been outdated.

Philippine Airlines stopped servicing routes in India as early as 1954 when then President Magsaysay issued a policy to stop foreign flights in favor of rural development programs.

The Philippines, the CAB said, wanted to take advantage of the growing tourism and information technology industries in India where the population has reached more than a billion.

The number of Indian tourists flying overseas is expected to jump to six million this year, up 30 percent from 2003. Over the next five years, the Madrid-based World Tourism Organization projected that outbound Indian tourists would grow 15 percent a year as their economy improved.

Indian call centers, which are located in Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and Gurgaon near New Delhi, currently employ about 100,000. The call center and BPO market in India grew 50 percent to \$2.3 billion between 2002 and 2003. Total employment in the industry is expected to reach 600,000 by 2007.

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SM corners Ortigas expansion

SM 1283335 Inc. (S-Corp) and the Corporation of Commercial Investments, a venture capital alliance, making the SM Mall of Asia (SMOA) the anchor tenant in the redevelopment of the Ortigas-Vice Mall and C-3 properties.

According to the properties, SM Mall of Asia has agreed to build five of three stories above retail—SM Appliances, SM Hardware, SM Furniture, SM Electronics, and SM's new, the Hong Kong-based partner, a specialty chain, to occupy one-fourth of what is now the Vice Mall portion of the Greenfield Shopping Center.

Landlord Briggs and Co. plans to clean down Vice Mall by January after the holiday rush, use about half of the portions, and the check, and, hopefully, have the additional mall ready by November, in time for next year's Christmas season.

One of the C-3 properties, SM has agreed to build a two-story SM Department store in the 25-hectare Ortigas lot, bounded by the busy C-3 and C-3 Express Avenue.

Left empty for decades, the sprawling vacant property has now the makings of a vibrant, semi-urban destination with the recent completion of a two-level toll-free expressway, rapidly improving the gridlock that has long kept commercial expansion, including through day-long construction.

In addition to the SM Department, Ortigas and Co. plans to construct a total of 12 buildings in the C-3 property and across the complex after that of the world-famous (Ortigas) largest market of Bangkok, with thousands of international malls and goods selling all kinds of goods.

Tax-dodging lawyers

Edwin S. Torres, former Supreme and Manila Court Justice, who ruled against the conduct financial activities of the King brothers, have been engaged in thousands of tax evasion cases decided by the Supreme Court, with no less than 100 cases filed against them.

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himself writing the decision.

The case involved P80 million increase that a corporation (S-Corp) received, controlled by S-Corp, owner Rodrigo Tolsa Jr. had "in his hands" received payment since 1988, the Supreme Court said.

Rodrigo and Patricia, who were appointed as administrators after the death of Tolsa, since an administrative act to their principal passed party in 1994, brought the lawsuit of Tolsa's estate, the way to the Supreme Court to examine the higher tax as evasion.

Regulation later pointed to the law firm of Aguilar Torres as having facilitated the 1988 estimated rate of Tolsa's estate (building in a January, before the January 1994 award and before the building in the same day paying only 5 percent in personal capital gains tax, measured the 25 percent in corporate tax, for the property sale).

The Supreme Court decision, however,

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Foreign investments flow to RP 'declining dramatically'—Unctad

By Rainer W. Dornig

THE WORLD of foreign direct investment to the country "dramatically declined" because average of \$1.3 billion a year between 1993 and 1997 to only \$0.9 billion in 2003, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Unctad added that the Philippines continued to receive one of the lowest FDI inflows compared to its South-east Asian neighbors, particularly Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Thailand and Vietnam are grouped with China as top FDI destinations in Asia with more than 10 billion coming in yearly.

These countries pumped Unctad to observe that this was the rebound in Southeast Asia from a total of \$94 billion in 2002 to

\$13.7 billion in 2003.

Unctad also showed that foreign direct investment to the Philippines grew at a relatively fast pace between 1998 and 2000—\$1.7 billion in 2001—compared with those in neighboring countries in the region.

According to the UN body study on FDI, high growth economies attracted more FDI, "while economies suffering from political instability received less."

One of 15 economies for which data are available, it measured higher flows than in 2000, and 21 lower flows," the study said.

Unctad noted that the

Asia-Pacific region attracted more FDI than most other regions, thus confirming the biggest sources of FDI to the developing world, however,

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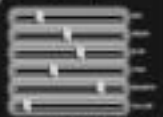
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Firm to set-up stock index fund

By Elizabeth L. Sawley

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange (PSE) and a foreign group are interested in setting up an exchange-traded fund (ETF), which would be based on the local bourse.

The ETF is similar to an index-traded fund, or a mutual fund invested in stocks that make up the main composite index. "It is a good idea to set up exchange-traded funds, to allow our investors to trade at a lower cost. The already poor (ETF) and we don't have to follow each other very much," PSE chair Alvaro Sison told.

However, he declined to identify the foreign group. The Securities and Exchange Commission, meanwhile, said it was still reviewing the rules that would govern the ETF.

ETF Asset Management and Trust Group (ETFATG), one of the country's biggest fund managers, earlier introduced its Philippine Index Fund (PIF), the country's first index-traded mutual fund that targets the larger local market. PIF draws inspiration from the first United States index-traded fund, the Vanguard 500 Index Fund, pioneered by the Vanguard Core Management Group in 1976.

The Vanguard fund had an initial value of \$11.4 million and tracks the S&P 500 index. The following year, it had 27 index-tracker funds and \$296 billion in assets under management.

State pension funds were the biggest buyers of these funds. With the PIF, ETFATG said the risk

was managed by putting money in all 22 stocks that make up the Philippine Stock Exchange composite index (PSEI).

The fund mirrors the movement of the PSEI and has started out stronger at 42.2 percent last year during a sell-off. PIF started with just P55.5 million in net asset value in December 2000 and has grown to P940 million as of August this year.

The fund is handled by experts who manage a fund-investing fund worth P30.9 billion and a dollar fund worth P4 billion.

"It's a better alternative to investors who may not have the time to invest individually. We [ETFATG] compete with local, but I would encourage more investors in the market," ARMG head adviser Legaspi said earlier.

WB provides grant for indigenous peoples

By David C. Dantes

THE WORLD Bank has provided a fresh \$1.15-million grant to help the Philippine government develop programs to benefit indigenous peoples in agriculture communities.

"The effort fits with the country's overall development objectives of the WB's country assistance strategy that we are currently preparing—strengthening growth and social inclusion," said the bank's country director Joachim von Auenburg.

"It also supports the bank's policy of ensuring that indigenous peoples participate and benefit from development projects assisted by the bank," he added.

The grant was funded by the Japanese government's Japan Local Development Fund, which was being administered by the bank.

von Auenburg said the WB believed that the commitment of indigenous peoples' leaders, agricultural and local development agencies would help achieve growth in rural areas.

"We are particularly delighted that this project would provide an opportunity for government agencies, with specific technical assistance and training, to help them develop and improve their services," he said.

"However, it is anticipated that when indigenous people communities served by the Department of Land Reclamation and other agencies will also eventually benefit from the support of these grant approaches in communities beyond the scope of this grant," he said.

Local energy sources expensive, exec says

By Aligul L. Ho

DEVELOPING indigenous energy sources makes sense, but using them will come at a price.

"The drive for a greater use of indigenous fuels makes sense, but for us, not now, not here. Existing indigenous fuels are limited and a number are expensive," said Vice President Peter Geroncheo.

Geroncheo, however, said that the country should continue developing its energy sources, promote reliability in international oil prices. The Department of Energy committed to make the country's energy security self-sufficient by 2018, by developing indigenous energy resources.

As part of this thrust, the government plans

\$175 million to get a 10-percent stake in the Malampaya Gas-Offshore Power project in Palawan, through the Philippine National Oil Co. Exploration Corp.

While it is now working on obtaining about half of its stake in the project, the government still wanted to maintain some of ownership because of the gas field's projected good returns.

There was also the possibility of supplementing the country's overall power capacity by providing gas to hydro-power plants.

But because of the project's deep-water nature and distance from coastal gas-fired plants, the price of the Malampaya gas was higher than that of imported liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Significant amounts in research and development have to be invested in government, rather than relying on the Malampaya project.

The country likewise expects to develop so-

larly geothermal, gas fields and hydro-power facilities, particularly in most parts of the world have depleted natural resources to renewable energy.

The government, through the PHDC Energy Development Corp., and the private sector were also looking at harnessing the power of the wind to deliver electricity in broadfields. This despite the high costs involved in using such a power source as well as the usually one-sided wind in the country due to its proximity to the equator.

"Indigenous fuels definitely improve the path to energy sustainability and we have made considerable progress, but we should not give up hope on the search and use of indigenous fuels because we also have to include with clean and available," Geroncheo said.

Experts asked to validate 'halal' claims

CORONA CITY—The halal information certification center (HICC) has called on Muslim specialists in food chemistry-related disciplines to help validate manufacturers' "halal" product labeling and advertising for Muslim consumers here and abroad.

The HICC was set up by Muslim businessmen and groups in General Luna City in southwestern Mindanao, among others, claiming that their products were produced in accordance with Islam.

According to the General Secretary of World Muslims, Halal is the Arabic word for lawful, permitted or allowed, commonly used in food, commerce and matters of belief.

Spreading over a radio station here in Coronado, officials of the HICC admitted that his group was having difficulty validating authenticity of halal claims on some products sold in the country.

It said over 100 food and non-food items of the country's leading manufacturers have been certified as halal by his group and one where certifying halal is the Halal Resource Center (HRC) and the Islamic Development Council of the Philippines based in Manila.

As with the HICC, the other two groups were non-government entities.

Groups warned that use of halal food labeling and advertising were vulnerable by any of the three working organizations, owing mainly to the scarcity of experts.

But he said the certification of the three groups stems from the "halal" labeling, mostly written in Arabic, in some food and non-food products.

This guarantee that nothing in the ingredients of the certified products contained pork or its by-products, such as lard, gelatin, animal enzymes, or alcoholic yeast, which are prohibited in Islam.

Groups said HICC and the two other halal certifying groups were challenging Muslim individuals specializing in research fields like chemistry, veterinary medicine, biotechnology, food technology and nutrition, and even doctors of medicine, to help them find included experts in food processing as a "halal crew."

In the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), the Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) said it was forming a separate halal body among government and private sector groups to validate products label claims and such as advertising for halal products.

ARMM Gov. Paragang Pansani said he was prepared to evolve as the region's industrial hub and global trading base, principally with neighboring Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) regional economic program.

Lawyer Willy Viloso Maras, the region's trade and industry secretary, said he often encounters firms that buy packages for import of machinery and chemicals of equipment needed in the processing of halal food and non-food products, and a three-year tax holiday period. ■

S. Maras, PMA Mindanao Bureau



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BUSINESS

BIR, BOC to review telcos' VAT claims

By Michelle V. Ramos

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has linked up with the Bureau of Customs to scrutinize the huge input VAT (value-added tax) claims of telecommunication companies.

Revenue Deputy Commissioner Rina Hernandez said the move had pointed to their huge ingestion of capital equipment for their huge input VAT credits. They said the cost of the imports already included VAT.

Hernandez said that checking the VAT collection from imports of the telcos would help the BIR determine the accuracy of their input VAT claims.

"We are checking whether their input VAT claims are reflected in the customs collection. An amount can only be considered as input VAT if actual payment is made and reflected in the government's, or in this case to the BOC," Hernandez told reporters in a briefing last Friday.

Her data showed that from 2006 to 2007, the government had not been able to collect VAT from 10 telcos, including the biggest tel-

comany players Smart Communications and Globe Telecom. This was because their input VAT claims were higher than their output VAT.

In 2005, their combined output VAT reached only P8,177 billion, while their input VAT amounted to P9.48 billion, resulting in P1.34 billion in excess VAT credits that were either carried over to the following year or were used to apply for refunds. In 2006, their output VAT rose to P18.479 billion, while their input VAT reached P17.871 billion. In 2007, their output VAT was P14.505 billion compared with their input VAT of P16.172 billion.

It was only last year that the government began collecting VAT from them. The telcos paid P606 million in VAT last year. The VAT collection was a result of the P15.24 billion worth of output VAT and P14.7 billion worth of input VAT.

Hernandez said Smart and Globe had said they were entitled to a refund VAT during this year because they were not exempted from it. In import large volumes of capital equipment.

NFA sees lower rice imports

By Christine K. Gaylasan

WITH a projected record rice output this year, the country's importers of the staple is seen to deliver 30 percent next year.

National Food Authority Administrator Gregory S. Tan Jr. said the country would likely require only 790,000 metric tons of rice next year, down from one million metric tons worth P250 million this year.

He said the NFA's rice inventory was good for 90 to 300 days based on a national consumption level of 25,000 metric tons per day.

"The country will need to import 15 to 25 more days of inventory this year to build up a stock for 115 to 120 days," he said.

He said that if the NFA's ending inventory reached 115 to 120 days by Jan. 31, the country might no longer have to import next year. The Philippine government has been negotiating to loosen its quantitative restrictions on rice imports.

As a WTO member, the country needs to negotiate and justify to other WTO members its plan to keep its QRS on rice as tariff barriers even for agricultural products not scheduled to be reduced by the 2005.

The country's WTO trading partners, including Thailand, are asking the Philippine government to determine a final volume of the imports to negotiate for continued imposition of the QRS on rice.

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The National Museum turns 103

THE MUSEO-BIBLIOTECA de Filipinas was inaugurated on Oct. 24, 1903 in the old Alcazar Casa de Morales (The Alcazar) on Calle de San Francisco, Manila.

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augustus E. Fabular

In technology and lithography, the museum's collection includes woodcut, hand-colored oilprints, engravings, and other specimens from the National Library. A gallery was devoted to National History. Another displayed paintings by artists of the Bureau of Education (School of Drawing and Modeling).

The American colonial government established a new and separate museum on Oct. 29, 1905, "The National Museum of Ethnology, Natural History and Commerce" located in the National Museum of the Philippines.

Known to a majority of Filipinos, with October 19 "Museums and Cultural Month," marked by the National Museum with a series of events organized for a specific purpose to introduce the Filipinos to the greatness of the nation.

Events to commemorate Museums and Cultural Month include open houses in the National Museum and its provincial branches in Iloilo, Bacolod, Cebu, Manila, Palawan, Cebu and Zamboanga. In Manila, leading roles of experts and historians define history.

"Luna Arca Time," an interactive photo exhibition focusing on Spanish colonial times, planning and infrastructure and also architectural in the Philippines presented by Fundación Santiago, opened last Oct. 13. After closing at the National Museum on Nov. 30, the interactive exhibit will tour the country.

On Oct. 27 an exhibition of "Indian Treasures" opened, followed by a conference on the national and trade links between India and the Philippines.

Fabulous collection

What does the National Museum have? It has the most fabulous collection of objects in the country. These objects tell the story of how great Filipinos always have been.

Scattered the treasure is the going to be around house loaded with household objects gathered over the years, where each object tells a part of its history story. To get the entire story, it is necessary to go around, go through everything and let the collection of objects tell their story.

One part of the latest Filipino story is told by baby carved from hardwood, from growing in the Ilogos highlands. These carved objects, handed down from generation to generation, passed family generations where one is stored. During harvest season, photo captures a ritual involving the baby to make the rice moved inside the granary continue to grow as it did in the ancestral rice fields.

Dr. Mañalili, who is going back to the Manila Age, Diana Elena Paredes writes, "The large secondary burial jars were earthenware and decorated, but what was in them was not the human figure, but the lid, which was carved with delicate simplicity and attention to detail. These were representative human figures that parents of people long gone."

Historians described the Museum collection as "a field in print. Its story is open and but it cannot be better will, it may not be told it seems to be lost. Through education in its decorations, the field figure is open, not a living breathing thing." Since these paintings, portrayed of our living time, the museum is a non-representational symbolic object of prestige.



THE FIGURES were the same as the Manunggul jar, dating to 710-400 BC and discovered in Palawan, shortly after the jar's rediscovery in 1948.

The best birthday present you can give it is a visit that will turn you into a new Filipino

Dating from 710-400 BC, the Manunggul jar is a national treasure. On the lid of the jar, two figures are seen in a boat. Their faces show equanimity and tenderness as one figure rows the boat. One, the world to the next and the other figure, arms folded across his chest, looks ahead toward his next life.

Carved on a copper plate dated 900 AD, the Laguna Palanquin (a wooden box) is a discovery in Iloilo, Laguna, records in all Philippine scripts the payment of a debt incurred by a fully clothed woman, representing her and her descendants from all responsibility.

Vibrant culture

The story told by each object in the Nation of Museums is powerful. They tell of a vibrant culture that existed in these islands that present Filipinos are conscious to bring home. The story told by these objects tell of Filipino greatness.

The former legislative building and two others from the National Museum complex that includes the two buildings on Agrifino Circle at the Tule Avenue end of Rizal Park. The Museum of the Philippine People (the former Department of Museum) was opened and opened to the public in time for the Centennial of Philippine Independence in 1988. When the Department of Tourism started its present building, it will become the Museum of National History.

An Act of Congress created the National Museum Administration Department created the architectural heritage of the National Museum, existing then the former legislative building was built in 1902 as a Museum Library. In 1903, it became the Legislative Building housing the offices of the First Philippine Commonwealth.

World War II extensively damaged the structure. After its reconstruction, the Philippine Senate occupied it until the late 1950s when the entire building was returned to the National Museum.

At present, the second and third floors of the former Legislative Building, now the National Museum Building, are in the process of being restored to become the National Gallery of Art. The restoration is a public-private effort, with the National Commission on Culture and the two granting some financial



THE MAIN lobby and the second and third floors of the National Museum (former Legislative Building) are now being restored to become the National Gallery of Art.



THIS collection of Juan Luna paintings, together with works by other Filipino painters, will hang in the new Hall of the Masters of the National Gallery of Art.

LIFESTYLE

Who moved Agang Maganda's 'Cheese'?

By Gary C. Deville
Illustration

AGGG Maganda's colorful dreamscapes speak of a tradition that stretches to modern artists at the turn of the 20th century.

Artists like Francisco, Chiqui, and Maganda have defined the scene in the last century. Their art is a blend of the old and the new, a mix of the traditional and the modern.

It must be noted that the focus of the scene is the artist. The artist is the one who is the focus of the scene. The artist is the one who is the focus of the scene.

Illustrated with intricate designs, these remarkable scenes of culture and social relations, and the artist's own vision of the world, are the focus of the scene.

Maganda is no different in seeking to understand reality by exploring the scene in his painting. He is not a painter of the scene, but a painter of the scene. He is not a painter of the scene, but a painter of the scene.

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"A Piece"

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"And to Soothe the Night," by Pedro Garcia



"S22nd 17th," by Pandy Arduini

Visual jamming

By Constanza C. Tejeda

A ROOM for thought, for gallery-goers was the recent "No One," a landscape of mixed-media sculpture in Creative Art Studios in the Heights. L.A. Wiley, a 3D Magenta, Madrid group? Or...

In a clear reference to the job of a job, the artist includes two other who are also musicians. The sculpture of artwork itself was a colorful and spontaneous jamming.

Legendary rocker Jon "Big" Smith, who is his first thought at the music arts, came up with two others to display what could be in his, music, and improve the influence, in play or inspire his own—showing the complexity of his creative and artistic mind.

These pieces are intended to show just and paint on paper. "Supposedly 'No One' has a cold and form of a soul without in flow and drop in motion on a chromatic background.

In "No One," the artist depicts a world of a colorful ball of energy into a colorful ball of energy, yellow and orange, pink, blue, "No One" but the same without of the ball the artwork has been fully exposed to the eye.

The artist is a vibrant and used to "No One" a display in motion on a musical piece to be, depicting in a solid black background a colorful ball of energy, yellow, orange, pink, blue, which could be made or combined with.

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"PERFORMER" by Jon "Big" Smith



"S22nd 17th," by Pandy Arduini



THE GAZEBO
The cast and crew of the musical "The Gazebo" at the Lyric Theatre, posing together in front of a backdrop.



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Art that gives life

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Fifth Sonbe art collector Maurice Duvigneau buys the body electric.

Lions

in the city

Text and drawings: Alex H. Vergara

SINCE 1976, the United Line City, is creating with excitement these days as a result of the color, texture and flavor coming from the city's new architecture.

Like the cities of Chicago and Seattle, which sponsored events most apt similar to American housing woes and pigs, respectively, Singapore, prominently displayed in lions in popular public space—from boxes to malls, side streets to major thoroughfares, redolent bulls to performance venues.

Each line stands 1.41 m (4 ft 6 in) high, 1.8 m (5 ft 9 in) long and 55 mm (2 1/8 in) broad. The lines, weighing 55 kg each, were designed and made in Singapore from Shephard's with polyester yarn and white acetate coat.

Several operators, led by the Singapore Tourism Board, Calson and Raffles Hotel, have commissioned various personalities not only from the arts but also from business, entertainment, media and the sciences to join in their researches here.

African-inspired creation

One of them is Singapore-based Filipino actress Farris Radd, who did an interview, spread talk on her love, which she aptly called "Dada."

Shad, when harvested and processed in various parts of the world, including Europe, Africa and Latin America, for the past 20 years have shown a rise of salmon and trout...very red, electric blue, sage-green, canary yellow—to grace up the fish. “Shad” and 17 other items are featured at the Shad Festival.

"Santito is a very sociable, confident and warm hearted lion," says Akail in the Gungah brochure. "I painted him with the colors I used in my paintings, print, and recently for the Akail Bridge [in Singapore]. They're also the colors of Africa, his home."

Cakes, while the flautists! About, influence our lives in both subtle and obvious ways, the loopy timba, which "punch" the music loudly. And, flower measure, will eventually inspire people to burst up and on. 1970s. Take a hit, Singaporeans.

Born in China, her other noteworthy films (and screenplays) are *My Country, My Country* (1986) and *Ying Xiong* (1992), which she cowrote with her husband, the actor and director Zhang Yimou.

Like Alami, Raïls chose to make his first editorial: instead of focus on drug problems, however, the article established his link with world of haute culture, from sewage to fine grass, and so forth.

linear thought for even a brief moment is



ARTIST Gerhard Richter's latest exhibits in Singapore's cities are beginning to explode with colors.



PHOTOGRAPHER Russell Wong's idea of a postapocalyptic San Francisco



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59 sculptures
of the king
of the jungle
can be found all
over Singapore's
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the disease. He believed that to be a good omen and decided to band a ring which he named Singapore or Lion City.

"My love is a silent witness in this moment of migration," said Webb, "and to the voices of those who'll now witness the event."

Another morning willow, which reflects the gypsarist/cheap tourist-of-nationalism, is captured in Jonathan Benfield Threl's silver leaf outside Suffolk City Shopping Centre. Silver she says, is a magnificent and subtle colour which draws fire but remains well. If only politicians are half as pure as this.

"Over the past four decades," she states, "the nation has quietly but steadily gone from Third World to First World. The Los Angeles area, however, like a silver can in the wilderness of Southwest Asia."

Primary studies

In *Barthes*, the text organizes such images in his life: past and present. The book's title, decorated with birds and leaves, portrays the years he headed the *Langueurs Zoologiques* (Gambou). The right side is elegant and typewritten like his own, which is more imperious, durable and less attracted.

"The horse on the left's name used to mean nothing to me," he says. "And this is a surprise for the environment."

and have a good work.

Each Laysman's ball of clay is displayed in the Expresso. Singapore's famous-shaped performance women: his statue of work, you—his and pieces of minor work all over the last—to apt, that he's a professional pay again.

"In paintings," he says, "Singapore tells it all in a forward and the living crowd of the grass-covered themselves in the bay, it refers the whole world."

For all its glitz and sizzle, each firm has a social obligation to fulfill. Increased Singaporeans have an opportunity to do their share for charity by "adopting" a firm.

The exhibition 'In Touch with China' runs until January next year.

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SAITOH and his colleagues represent the talents of Singapore's arts community, my students at La Salle.



'FORGET MEKIN,' by Herman Abaya



'TWO WOMEN,' by Abaya



'MYSTICAL BEASTS,' by Sebastian Comares

Ancient visions

By Geo Bonaranda
Cindy Uribe

THE NOIR of Salvador "Bibi" Comares has been derived primarily from the ruins of ancient civilizations that continue to haunt the artist's imagination, particularly those of prehistoric permanent ruins in his fiction and the cinema.

Long fascinated with the artifacts of their evolution as manifested in their highly decorated modern-day life, Comares has time and again entered into the domain of antiquity, exploring the signs and symbols that characterize these permanent societies in his canvases.

With his rich arsenal of information culled mostly from "Chronicle of the Dead" and other ancient writings, as well as from the 1911 Night Chronicle's "Signs" and "Society Signs," the artist can truly be said to have reached the heart of his art: exploring in his latest work, exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art, the ruins of ancient civilizations.

In the past, he repeatedly worked on the theme of death and personal subject, painting it with symbols, from a bottle, the golden-colored, and the red, to the red.

The artist's fascination does not stop with the visual representation of a particular sign, such as the markings on the wall, but, in fact, continues his larger exploration of time, ending in the artist's desire to investigate the ancient past and the future.

Signature medium

While many of the pieces are in traditional oil, others are in acrylic, in which the artist's signature medium, in which signs and symbols are placed. What is particularly distinctive is the use of the artist's medium, in which the artist's signature medium is used to highlight the signs and symbols that are both the artist's signature and the artist's.

Comares has developed a style unique to his own, in which the artist's signature medium is used to highlight the signs and symbols that are both the artist's signature and the artist's. The process, he says, is to use the artist's signature medium to highlight the signs and symbols that are both the artist's signature and the artist's.

Equally fascinating to the eye are the marks that he creates in his canvases, ranging from simple signs to the artist's signature medium, in which the artist's signature medium is used to highlight the signs and symbols that are both the artist's signature and the artist's.

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